

International Student Guide

We are delighted that you have decided to study abroad at the Faculty of Design at Fachhochschule Dortmund, University of Applied Sciences and Arts – welcome!

Location

The Faculty of Design is located at Max-Ophüls-Platz 2, 44137 Dortmund, near the city centre.
→ see in OpenStreetMap

How to get there by public transport: From main station, take any underground / tram line to Stadtgarten, then change on to line U42 to Hombruch and get off at Kreuzstrasse or line U46 to Westfalenhallen and get off at Polizeipraesidium.

→ itinerary planner (VRR)

→ public transport map Dortmund (DSW21)

After enrolment, you will receive your student ticket which is valid for local trains and public transport in North Rhine-Westphalia.

→ Semesterticket

Terms/ semester dates

- Winter: Sept. 1st – February 28th | Lecture period: mid September – mid February
- Summer: March 1st – August 31st | Lecture period: mid March – mid July

Academic calendar / current dates: see here

Courses& registration

The course outlines (module structure) for each study programme can be found online in a german or an english version. The individual seminars/ lectures offered each semester can be retrieved via the database called Lehrangebot.

In order to register for a seminar/ lecture, please use the ODS system (login with your FH-Kennung and password which you will receive after enrolment) or contact the tutor directly via E-Mail.

Course types

Studies at the Faculty of Design have a strong focus on project-based work and team work. Special module types: EEG modules are cross-disciplinary courses, in IDP modules, you work on design projects in interdisciplinary student groups; SK courses convey transferable skills.

Language of instruction

The primary language of instruction is German. Therefore, basic knowledge of German (level A2 at least) is required. The faculty staff is willing to give individual instructions in English and switch to English at times. However, we cannot guarantee this for all courses.

Facilities

Library (Bibliothek)

Room E40 | Open: Mon - Thu 9-12am + 1-6pm; Fri 9- 12am + 1- 3pm

Opening and service hours differ during semester break – please check the website.

- book lending, workspaces, computer stations, internet access (WiFi), book scanner, printer, DVDs

Printers/ Scanners

... can be found next to the library (room E38). You can use them with your FH-Card or cash card (top-up machine in the same room). Scanning is free, prints in DIN A4 cost 3,29 cents (black/white) or 6,99 ct (colour), in DIN A3 6,58 ct (b/w) or 13,98 ct (colour).

Computers/ internet access

There are several computer rooms with different equipment (graphic design software, video and photo editing software etc.), accessible day and night.

Media Centre (Medienstelle)

Room E32 | Opening times can be found here.

Here you can watch video films, copy video material or research literature on film. The media archive currently comprises about 10.000 video films of all genres.

Studios

There are specialised studios and work spaces for

- prints & paper (different printing techniques; rooms 207/ 211),
- film& sound (recording, editing, rental of equipment; room 110),
- photography (studio; laboratory, production& editing; rental of equipment; room E51)
- modelling (wood | metal/plastics; plotting, 3D constructions; room K01/02)
- scenography studio (plastic modelling, installations, tool rental; room 101, E24/E08)

Certain regulations apply for using the equipment, studios and workshops. Please enquire at the respective course leader which prerequisites must be met (e.g. a course of instruction).

Eat & Drink | Cafeteria

Food and drinks are available at the faculty's cafeteria; it is open monday to thursday from 8am to 2.45pm (fridays: to 2.30pm). You will get discounted prices with your student ID card. Please note: The cafeteria is closed during semester breaks! Bakeries, cafés, and supermarkets are located on Kreuzstrasse and its side streets, and Lindemannstrasse (in the direction of Möllerbrücke).

Students' Union (FAStA)

Room U33 | www.fasta.info | email: info@fasta.info | Facebook: fastadesign

The "FAStA" is the Faculty's elected student council and advocates the students' interests. It initiates and supports projects/ events, offers advisory service and runs a small café called Rosie's.

Information on general questions concerning your stay as exchange student, e.g. application/ enrollment, accommodation, German courses etc. can be found on the websites of the International Office.

Contacts

faculty of design website

www.fh-dortmund.de/design | → list of all staff members

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Dean's Office

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Secretary: Sonja Göllner and Angelina Weizmann (Mrs.)

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FH Dortmund & Faculty of Design in Social Media

- Facebook page Faculty of Design
- Facebook group for students at the Faculty of Design
- Facebook page Erasmus Student Network (ESN)
- Facebook page of the Freshers' Tutors at the Faculty of Design

Useful links / further information

- Exchange Student Guide FH Dortmund [pdf]
- scholarship for foreign students of DAAD